UNIVERSITY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes
February 8, 2006

Present:  President Carl Patton, Provost Ron Henry, Paul Alberto, Siva Nathan, Dabney Dixon, Carol Winkler, Bill Waugh

The minutes were approved from the November 28, 2005 meeting.

The President reported that the master plan for the Science Park was accepted by the Board of Regents. A lease has to be approved by the Attorney General's office for the portion of the site on which the Science Research Lab will be built for lease to the Georgia State Research Foundation.

The President reported that the Chancellor visited the Child Development Center where he met with staff and parents and read to the children.

The Provost reported that a search committee had been set up for the VP for Student Services. It is co-chaired by Charlene Hurt and Elizabeth Burgess.

There is a lot of opposition from the students concerning the “W” policy. There have been meetings between the Provost, George Rainboldt, and some of the students. The current available data indicate that over 90% of the students that graduated had 6 or fewer “W’s. If the policy passes, it will be implemented in the Fall 2006. HOPE only allows 127 hours, so if a student has 3 W’s, they will lose their HOPE scholarship.

Georgia State and UGA will be given permission for a 3-year pilot on the plus/minus grading system at the Board of Regents March meeting. There can't be pluses (+) on A's, D's or F's. The policy would be A- though C-. Georgia State and UGA are the only institutions that will be allowed to do it out of 11 institutions that expressed an interest.

Admissions and Standards

The office of the Dean of the RCB agreed with the recommendation to remove the statement “a student may earn the Bachelor of Business Administration degree only one time.”

The Committee agreed to recommend passage by the senate.

Joint Committee on Compensation

The committee agreed to send to the senate with a do pass recommendation the revised Joint Resolution passed by the FAC and Budget committees. The remaining packet will be forwarded as an information item.

Influenza Pandemic Preparedness

Committee members engaged in a discussion concerning the need to prepare a preparedness plan for the possibility of a flu pandemic. Drs. Dixon and Waugh will forward to the Provost...
information from universities that have begun this process.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 6, at 2:00 to discuss the agenda, nominations, and the date to look at the evaluations. Another meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 10:00 – 12:00 to review the letters that are being written on the evaluations.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.